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Applicant:	Cohen et al.	Examiner:	Wehbe, A.M.S.
Serial No.:	09/654,276	Group Art Unit:	1616
Filed:	September 1, 2000	Docket No.:	9124.117US01
Title:	TISSUE-ENGINEERED BIOGRAFTS FOR REPAIR OF DAMAGED MYOCARDIUM		

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks. No issues not previously considered by the Examiner are raised herein.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A method for repairing a damaged myocardium in a mammal, comprising:

- providing a three-dimensional porous polysaccharide matrix;
- introducing mammalian cells from the same species into said matrix;